



## NEWS RELEASE

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## NEBRASKA FCCLA RECOGNIZES 2019 STATE LEADERS AND AWARD WINNERS

The Nebraska Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) met for the 72nd annual State Leadership Conference April 7-9 at Pinnacle Bank Arena in Lincoln.

More than 1,300 students and advisers from 85 Nebraska schools traveled to Lincoln to develop their personal leadership and future careers with Nebraska FCCLA. A community service event, "FCCLA Serves," was held at five community agencies across Lincoln with more than 120 students participating. During three Miracle Minutes, Nebraska FCCLA members and advisers donated more than \$1,800 to the Nebraska FCCLA Impact fund, which will be used to support chapters directly impacted by natural disasters.

During the conference, 656 students participated in STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) competitive events. Students placing first and second in the competitive events qualified to compete at the FCCLA National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California June 30-July 4.

In addition to the competitive events, elections of FCCLA state officers and leadership positions were held during the conference.

### **2019-2020 Nebraska FCCLA State Officers:**

Sydney Erickson – Pierce – President

Makenna Welke – O'Neill – Vice-President

Alexis Cherry – Twin River – Secretary

Caitlin Murphy – Exeter-Milligan – Vice-President of Competitive Events

Sydney Schildt – Milford – Vice-President of Development

Alyssa Bell – Milford – Vice-President of Membership

Jaiden Johnson – Bloomfield Vice-President of Programs

Irelynd Pearson – Twin River – Vice-President of Public Relations

## **2019-2020 Nebraska State Peer Officer Teams:**

### **Overall SPOT Council**

SPOT Council Coordinator – Conner Oberhauser –Twin River

SPOT Council Vice Coordinator – Alexis Richmond – Chase County

SPOT Council Secretary – Taylor Svoboda – Mullen

### **Family Leader Team:**

Chairperson – Conner Oberhauser – Twin River

Vice Chairperson – Hannah Smith – Overton

Secretary – Emily Carstens – Creighton

Public Relations Chairperson – Emily Pedersen – Aurora

Historian – Ashlyn Schildt – Milford

### **Career Leader Team:**

Chairperson – Taylor Svoboda – Mullen

Vice Chairperson – Sophia Birch– Milford

Secretary – Jett Simpson – Maxwell

Public Relations Chairperson – Irelyn Rosfeld – Callaway

Historian – Alexandra Eisenhauer – Bloomfield

### **Community Leader Team:**

Chairperson – Alexis Richmond –Chase County

Vice Chairperson – Rebekka Jay – Logan View

Secretary – Cassidy June– Milford

Public Relations Chairperson – Harleigh Claussen – O'Neill

Historian – Braiden Moses – Burwell

### **Nebraska FCCLA Family and Consumer Sciences Education Scholarship:**

William Wilton, Centennial

### **Nebraska FCCLA Non-FCS Education Scholarship:**

Katie Patton, Milford

### **Nebraska FCCLA Administrator of the Year:**

Ryan Ricenbaw, Waverly Public Schools

**Nebraska FCCLA Distinguished Service Award:**

Stacy Luedtke Richmond, Lincoln High School

**Nebraska FCCLA Spirt of Advising Award:**

Mary Lou Vossler, Exeter-Milligan

**Nebraska FCCLA Master Adviser Award**

Britton Andreasen, Twin River

**Nebraska FCCLA Mentor Adviser Award**

Suzanne Martin, Medicine Valley

**Honorary Membership Award**

Jeanne Bietz, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

**Nebraska FCCLA State Degree Recipients:**

William Wilton, Centennial

Lana Hebda, Twin River

Hallie Ellenwood, Twin River

Members and chapters receiving State Champion and State Runner-up for STAR event are as follows:

**Advocacy JR**

State Champion – Hannah Yrksoski and Libery Baker, Twin River Jr., Silver

State Runner-Up – Milli Ciprian, Kearney High School, Silver

**Advocacy SR**

State Champion – Brianna Gable, Waverly High, Gold

State Runner-Up – Jenna Ebbers, Cambridge High, Silver

**Applied Math for Culinary Management SR**

State Champion – Riley Riggs and Lainey Werts, Saint Edward, Silver

**Baking and Pastry Pilot**

State Champion – Asya Johnson and Brin Jinright, Centennial, Gold

State Runner-Up – Audri Wolf, Katie Frech, and Rachel Stanke, Milford, Silver

### **Career Investigation JR**

State Champion –Rachel Malander, Boone Central, Gold

State Runner-Up – Annie Corkle, O’Neill, Gold

### **Career Investigation SR**

State Champion – Trevor Brooks, Boyd County, Gold

State Runner-Up – Triniti Gembica, Humphrey, Silver

### **Chapter in Review Display JR**

State Champion – Miranda Batenhorst and Addison Lange, Scribner-Snyder, Gold

State Runner-Up – Stella Heapy and Alania Eberle, Medicine Valley, Silver

### **Chapter in Review Display SR**

State Champion – Claire Harrison, Franklin, Gold

State Runner-Up – Aleesha Bergman and Meredith Wiseman, Neligh-Oakdale, Silver

### **Chapter in Review Portfolio JR**

State Champion –Lynzi Becker and Alyssa Kolbo, Cozad, Gold

### **Chapter in Review Portfolio SR**

State Champion -Margaret Mcginnis, Sydney Lindsedt, and Natalie Engel, Cozad, Gold

State Runner-Up -Samantha Hipke and Elsie Magwire, Boyd County, Silver

### **Chapter Service Project Display JR**

State Champion –Paola Murillo and Daisy Martinez, Gibbon, Gold

State Runner-Up – Anne Cook, Erin Stara, and Paige Willcoxon, Elkhorn High, Gold

### **Chapter Service Project Display Occupational**

State Champion – Daniela Marino and Joseph Ertzner, High Plains, Silver

### **Chapter Service Project Display SR**

State Champion – Hannah Schultz, Ali Cottrell, Raine Taylor, Medicine Valley, Gold

State Runner-Up – Piper Cudzilo, Angel Taylor, Maxwell, Gold

### **Chapter Service Project Portfolio JR**

State Champion – Kennedi Covert, Twin River, Gold

State Runner-Up – Tanner Hollinger, Alex Noyd, Lily Peterson, Cross County, Silver

### **Chapter Service Project Portfolio SR**

State Champion – Gracelyn Adams, Mariah Smalley, and Heather Atkinson, Boyd County, Gold

State Runner-Up – Jaycee Wallace, Overton, Gold

### **Culinary Arts Occupational**

State Champion – Alela Heim, Jordan Heim, and Valeria Marquez, Plattsmouth, Gold

State Runner-Up – Juan Guerrero-Franco and Yajaira Castillo, Ralston, Silver

### **Entrepreneurship JR**

State Champion – Taylor Svoboda, Mullen, Gold

State Runner-Up – Blake Byerly, Bloomfield, Silver

### **Entrepreneurship SR**

State Champion – Gabrielle Krutsinger, Chase County, Gold

State Runner-Up – Hanna Marshall and Molly Paxton, Mullen, Gold

### **Environmental Ambassador JR**

State Champion – Hana Miller and Xiitlaly Sanchez, O'Neill, Silver

State Runner-Up – Jacob Sjuts, Jason Sjuts, and Alex Schemek, Humphrey, Silver

### **Environmental Ambassador SR**

State Champion – Alexis Butterfield and Ryann Haburchak, Chambers, Gold

State Runner-Up – Lizabeth Larsen and Lynnzy Larsen, Waverly, Gold

### **Fashion Construction SR**

State Champion – Mariah Dather, Crofton, Gold

State Runner-Up – Leslie Aspen, Kearney High, Gold

### **Fashion Design SR**

State Champion – Zoe Cole, Waverly, Gold

State Runner-Up – Haley Hosick, Cozad, Silver

### **Focus on Children JR**

State Champion – Jean Cumming, Saint Edward, Gold

State Runner-Up – Peyton Schoone and Abby Fiske, Minden, Gold

### **Focus on Children SR**

State Champion – Calli Weston, Overton, Gold

State Runner-Up – Kelci Hansen, Callie Jackson, and Micah Risch, Howells-Dodge, Gold

### **Food Innovations JR**

State Champion – Chloe Pilakowski, Tessa Cherry, and Libby Held, Twin River, Gold

State Runner-Up – Emmalee Glendy and Sophia Doyle, Callaway, Gold

### **Food Innovations SR**

State Champion – Roy Cumming, Saint Edward, Gold

State Runner-Up – Sicily Goossen, Alyssa Gourley, Jayde Sorensen, Platteview, Gold

### **Hospitality, Tourism, and Recreation SR**

State Champion – Mariah Watson, Arapahoe, Gold

State Runner-Up – Haley Jones, Mullen, Gold

### **Illustrated Talk JR**

State Champion – Sadie Heckert, Neligh-Oakdale, Gold

State Runner-Up – Jadyn Andersen and Izabella Brown, Mullen, Gold

### **Illustrated Talk SR**

State Champion – Melissa Sextro, Joseph Hiatt, Kiertsen Wheeler, Boyd County, Gold

State Runner-Up – Rebecca Zeleski, Overton, Gold

### **Interior Design SR**

State Champion – Sydney Schildt and Alyssa Bell, Milford, Gold

State Runner-Up – Kaci Mashino, Andrea Hipke, and Kiryn Kayl, Boyd County, Silver

### **Interpersonal Communications JR**

State Champion – Ashlyn Schildt and Myranda Schildt, Milford, Silver

State Runner-Up – Cindy Cooper and Genevieve Dominquez, Maxwell, Silver

### **Interpersonal Communications SR**

State Champion – Addie Bardell, Josie Huffman, and Janie Sommer, Maxwell, Gold

State Runner-Up – Naudia Larsen and Madeline Wittstruck, Milford, Silver

### **Job Interview SR**

State Champion – Sydney Erikson, Pierce, Gold

State Runner-Up – Emma Hoffschneider, Burwell, Gold

### **Leadership SR**

State Champion – Alexis Richmond, Chase County, Gold

State Runner-Up – Caitlin Murphy, Exeter-Milligan, Gold

### **Life Event Planning JR**

State Champion – Samuel Coble, Mullen, Gold

State Runner-Up – Hailey Hanneman and Grace Ziegler, Aurora, Gold

### **Life Event Planning SR**

State Champion – Alex Brestel, Kalli Kayl, and Bailey Reed, Boyd County, Gold

State Runner-Up – Jose Luna-Duran and Lesly Luna-Duran, Neligh-Oakdale, Silver

### **National Programs in Action JR**

State Champion – Rachel Strain, Makynzie Swantek, and Kamryn Lemburg, Twin River, Gold

State Runner-Up – Abby Lawton, Overton, Gold

### **National Programs in Action SR**

State Champion – Carlin Adams, Calyn Mowinkel, and Elizabeth Ross, Milford, Gold

State Runner-Up – Morgan Sindt and Whitney Bauer, Elm Creek, Gold

### **Nebraska Consumer Issues JR**

State Champion – Tyler Hanson and Andrew Hochstein, Bloomfield, Gold

State Runner-Up – Triston Moses, Burwell, Gold

### **Nebraska Family Challenges & Issues**

State Champion – Alexis Sindelar, Pierce, Gold

State Runner-Up – Angel Brummet, Overton, Gold

### **Nebraska Family Challenges and Issues SR**

State Champion – Maggie Lutz, Sydney Reichart, Dundy County Stratton, Gold

State Runner-Up – Tiffany Mayfield, Burwell, Gold

### **Nebraska Health and Wellness JR**

State Champion – Elizabeth Harding, Kathryn Novocek, and Kathryn Tzunux, Schuyler, Gold

State Runner-Up – Lola Erpelding and Hope Pickel, Elm Creek, Gold

### **Nebraska Health and Wellness SR**

State Champion – Emilee Taylor, Burwell, Gold

State Runner-Up – Melissa Escobar and Vanessa Serrano, Schuyler, Silver

### **Nebraska Parliamentary Procedure**

State Champion – Ellie Fredrick, Saint Edward, Silver

State Runner-Up – Myah Essman, Maxwell, Bronze

### **Nutrition and Wellness JR**

State Champion – Ashley Pischel, O'Neill, Gold

State Runner-Up – Paige Nolan, Humphrey, Silver

### **Nutrition and Wellness SR**

State Champion – Ryanna Polenske, Waverly, Gold

State Runner-Up – Elsie Magwire, Boyd County, Gold

### **Parliamentary Procedure SR**

State Champion – Brooke Groth, Emilie Kelley, Brittany Preister, Erin Reynoldson, Destiny Umarger, and Samantha Weeder, Boone Central, Silver

State Runner-Up – Abbey Maibaum, Allison Altwine, Anastacia Suing, Brittany Tramp, Kaley Einrem, Julie Jones, Valerie Kaiser, Jessica Lange, Crofton, Silver

### **Promote and Publicize FCCLA! JR**

State Champion – Laynee Boltz, Lisselle Lucas, and Elio Nila, Maxwell, Silver

State Runner-Up – Ella Hostetler, Milford, Silver

### **Promote and Publicize FCCLA! SR**

State Champion – Conner Oberhauser, Nic Euse, Alexis Cherry, Twin River, Gold

State Runner-Up – Paige Ervin, Kaelie Tomlin, Abby Andrews, Cambridge, Silver

### **Recycle and Redesign JR**

State Champion – Kade Youngblood, Chambers, Silver

State Runner-Up – Kennan Robinson, David City, Silver

### **Recycle and Redesign SR**

State Champion – Jenny Goesch, Boyd County, Gold

State Runner-Up – Kyler Horn, Brady County, Gold

### **Say Yes to FCS Education**

State Champion – Josiah Gonzales, Scottsbluff, Gold

State Runner-Up – Mackynna Gross, Seward, Silver

### **Sports Nutrition JR**

State Champion – Wyatt Ehlers, Chamber, Gold

State Runner-Up – Brooklyn Macholan, Lilly Praest, and Ashlynn Throener, Howells-Dodge, Gold

### **Sports Nutrition SR**

State Champion – Emma Bixler, Neligh-Oakdale, Gold

State Runner-Up – Audrey Coufal, Cara Dvorak, and Janessa Schmidt, Howells-Dodge, Gold

### **Teach and Train JR**

State Champion – Cassidy June, Milford, Silver

State Runner-Up – Lilly Hoerle, Chambers, Silver

### **Teach and Train SR**

State Champion – Skylar Long, Neligh-Oakdale, Gold

State Runner-Up – Camryn Jensens, Seward, Gold

Nebraska FCCLA presented the **Adviser Committed to Excellence (ACE) Award** to the following local chapter advisers.

Lisa Groth, Boone Central

Canace Cain, Burwell

Reba Deterding, Cambridge

Abigail Smith, Centennial

Kathleen Kennedy, Central Valley

Michelle Irvine, Cozad

Theresa McDowell, Franklin

Marlene Ronnfeldt, Gibbon

Miranda Bright, High Plains

Darla Windholz, Holdrege

Megan Hillen, Leigh-Clarkson

Tracy Way, Lincoln Southwest

Pat Kassmeier, Logan View

Jerlyn Hohnholt, Maxwell

Sheelagh Lucas, Maxwell

Suzanne Martin, Medicine Valley

Joyce Potthoff, Milford

Pam Johnson, Minden

Kimberly Scarborough, Neligh-Oakdale

Ann Mann, O'Neill

Carmen Hall, Omaha Bryan

Angie Ehlers, Overton

Nicki Pedeliski, Platteview

Britton Andreasen, Twin River

Michelle Galles, Wakefield

Mallory Gregory, Waverly

Sarah Medina, West Holt

**Nebraska FCCLA Knowledge Bowl Team Champions:**

Boyd County

**Red and White Affiliation Awards:**

High Plains

Howells-Dodge

Fairbury

Franklin

Twin River

Aurora

Sutton

Cambridge

**Nebraska Public Relations Award:**

Twin River

**Future FCS Teacher Recognition:**

Hailey Ostanowski, St. Edward

William Wilton, Centennial

Josiah Gonzales, Scottsbluff

Leslie Aspen, Kearney

Haley Jones, Mullen

Payje Rayback, Leigh-Clarkson

Skylar Long, Neligh-Oakdale

Mallory Kern, Platteview

Emma Torske, Waverly

**Say Yes to FCS Collegiate Signing Participants:**

Kailey Clatt, Waverly, Fashion Design, Metro Community College

Zoe Cole, Waverly, Textiles, Merchandising and Fashion Design, University of Nebraska – Lincoln

Katie Patton, Dietetics, University of Nebraska – Lincoln

Sicity Goossen, Platteview, Culinary Arts, Metro Community College

Josiah Gonzales, Scottsbluff, FCS Education, University of Nebraska – Lincoln

William Wilton, Centennial, FCS Education, University of Nebraska – Lincoln

Leslie Aspen, Kearney, FCS Education, University of Nebraska – Lincoln

Hailey Osantowski, Saint Edward, FCS Education, Wayne State College

Haley Jones, Education, Chadron State College

**Ultimate Leader Award:**

Ellery Jett Simpson, Maxwell

**Nebraska National Program Awards:**

**Career Connection** – Grand Island Northwest

**Families Acting for Community Traffic Safety (FACTS)** – Twin River

**Families First** – Twin River

**Financial Fitness** – Logan View

**Community Service** – Boyd County

**STOP the Violence** – Howells-Dodge

**Student Body** – Howells-Dodge

**Chapter Developer Award:**

Howells-Dodge

**New Chapter Affiliation Awards:**

Hartington-Newcastle

Holdrege

Madison

Omaha Bryan High School

**Gold Chapter Awards:**

Boyd County

Chase County

Cozad

Franklin

Gibbon

Hemingford

Howells-Dodge

Kearney

Lincoln Southwest

Logan View

Maxwell

Medicine Valley

Neligh-Oakdale

Overton

Plainview

Sutton

Twin River

Wakefield

Waverly

**Silver Chapter Awards:**

Battle Creek

Callaway

Grand Island Northwest

High Plains

Leigh-Clarkson

**Bronze Chapter Awards:**

Bryan High

Dundy County Stratton

Hartington-Newcastle

Holdrege

Humphrey

**Adviser Years of Service Recognition Awards:**

41 Years: Nancy Bartels, Red Cloud

40 Years: Ann Mann, O'Neill; Sherry Smith, Wheeler Central

30 Years: Patricia Kassmeier, Logan View

15 Years: Margo Houlden, Friend

10 Years: Gaylene Hallman, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge; Mollie Kriz, Wahoo

5 Years: Lyndee Koch, Brady; Alicia Hoffman, Bruning-Davenport; Chelsie Thayer, Chase County; Janice Nelson, Creighton; Ashley Knust, Elkhorn Valley; Joyce Potthoff, Milford; Susan Waldron, Millard West

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